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For: SAFETY TROCAR WITH PROGRESSIVE CUTTING
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Group Art Unit: 3763

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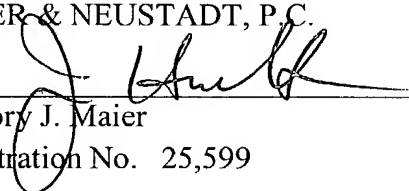
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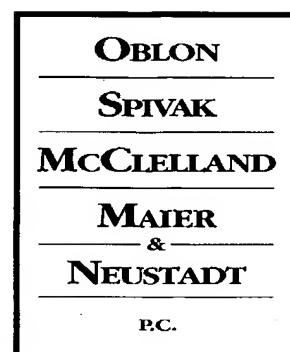
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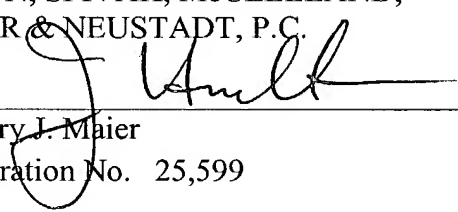
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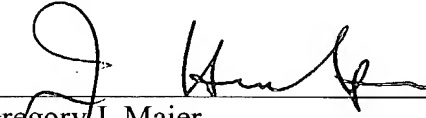
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Applicants hereby request entry of the supplemental amendment filed October 9, 2003 which, for review of the patent application information retrieval records of the U.S. Patent Office have not yet been made of record. A copy of this supplemental amendment is enclosed along with corresponding date-stamped filing receipt confirming filing of such supplemental amendment.

Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner please contact James Hamilton at (703)412-6220 to confirm when it is anticipated that a first office action will be forwarded in connection with this application. The Examiner's cooperation regarding this matter is sincerely appreciated.

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Prior to examination on the merits and supplemental to the earlier filed supplemental Preliminary Amendments dated December 19, 2002, and March 17, 2003, please further amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 46 of this paper.